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SUBJECT Cranes to be Built during 1953 by Kranbau
 Eberswalde for Reparations

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1. On 26 November 1952 the Administration for Reparations of the SCC (Verwaltung fuer Reparationen SKKD) informed ABUS Kranbau Eberswalde that it was to construct 34 cranes for reparations in 1953. Specifications for part of the cranes had already been forwarded to Eberswalde. The Administration set up the following delivery schedule for the cranes:

April	3	cranes
May	4	"
June	5	"
July	5	"
August	5	"
September	5	"
October	4	"
November	3	"

2. Kranbau Eberswalde will actually have to manufacture 36 cranes for reparations in 1953, since orders for two additional cranes were already on hand before the Administration's letter of 26 November. As of 4 December 1952 specifications for the following 28 cranes had been turned in to Eberswalde:

<u>Order Number</u>	<u>"Naryad" Number</u>	<u>Number of Articles</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Approximate Value in Thousands of DML</u>	<u>Probable Delivery Date</u>
	R 70/30425	2	Gantry cranes 10 tons x 25 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -25°C	1,040	20 March/ 30 March 1953
	R 70/30421	3	Gantry cranes 10 tons x 32 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -25°C	1,938	25 April/ 5 May/ 15 May 1953
521168		5	Rotary-tower cranes 2.5 - 6 tons x 32 - 34 meters (with grab); working temperature: -25°C	1,670	20 May/5 June/ 20 June/5 July/ 20 July 1953

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5221121		1	Gantry crane 8 - 30 tons x 28 - 8 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -40°C	1,400	22 August 1953
512305		2	Gantry cranes 15 tons x 8 - 30 meters; working temperature: -35°C	1,700	7 August/ 15 August 1953
5121309		2	Gantry cranes 10 tons x 32 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -40°C	1,292	7 April/ 16 April 1953
5121122		1	Gantry crane 3 - 30 tons x 30 - 6 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -40°C	1,400	30 August 1953
5121323		7	Gantry cranes 10 tons x 30 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -30°C	4,680	10 June/ 26 May/ 30 June/ 10 July/ 15 July/ 25 July/ 1 August 1953
5121322		1	Gantry crane 10 tons x 30 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -30°C	640	30 May 1953
5221294		2	Gantry cranes 10 tons x 8 - 25 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -25°C	1,040	5 September/ 10 September 1953
5121292		2	Gantry cranes 15 tons x 8 - 25 meters (with grab and lifting hook); working temperature: -25°C	1,700	15 September/ 20 September 1953

3. The 28 cranes ordered so far will therefore cost approximately 18 million DME. The 8 cranes for which no specifications had been received as of 4 December 1952 will cost about six million DME. Thus, about 24 million DME from Eberswalde will go exclusively for reparations in 1953. In addition, deliveries for the first quarter for which the raw material is already on hand amount to about 5 million DME; of this sum, about 3.7 million DME are for P 2 deliveries. For the deliveries for the first quarter of 1953 Eberswalde is relying on the contractual approval (vertraglicher Zusagen) of the ordering party, Bleichert of SAG Transmash.

4. An electrically powered bridge crane for Polimex, Warsaw, worth approximately one million DME is not included in the deliveries mentioned above. All except 135 tons of the raw material for the bridge crane is on hand at Eberswalde. Very little of the raw material for a second bridge crane for Polimex is on hand, and it is probable that the crane will not be delivered to Polimex in 1953, if at all; Polimex may cancel the order completely since the crane is needed only for the months from March to September each year.

5. Planned Kranbau Eberswalde production (presumably non-reparations production) for the first quarter of 1953 is as follows:

Article	Purchaser	Approximate Value in Thousands of DME
1 Grab, 0.5 cu. m. capacity	Kunstseidenwerk Premnitz	4
1 Round timber grab (Rundholzgreifer)	Zellstoffwerk Herseberg	7
Parts for crane superstructure and substructure for 5 floating cranes 15 tons x 25 meters	Bleichert, Leipzig	3,700

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<u>Article</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Approximate Value in Thousands of DME</u>
1 Bridge crane 15 tons	Schiffswerft Oderberg	250
2 Gantry cranes 10 tons x 25 meters, spare parts and packing for same	Soviet Control Commission	90

6. Thus, the situation at Kranbau Eberswalde is as follows:

Plan production (Planauftrag) for 1953	24,000,000 DME
1953 Reparations Orders	24,000,000 DME
Deliveries for the first quarter 1953	5,000,000 DME
Preliminary work on the bridge crane for Polimex	1,000,000 DME

Kranbau Eberswalde will therefore have to withdraw from remaining 1952 contracts amounting to about 9,500,000 DME.

7. On 6 November 1952 the Main Administration for Heavy Machine Construction of the Ministry for Machine Construction ordered Eberswalde to subcontract for direct reparations orders with ABUS Foerderanlagen Leipzig. The suggested amount was three million DME. On 20 November 1952, however, the Main Administration wrote Eberswalde concerning allocations for the reparations plan and stated that Eberswalde was to take over the following amounts of structural metal (Metallkonstruktion) into its production plan (Planauftrag): 100 tons from the Ernst-Thaelmannwerk; 1,600 tons from Unruh & Liebig; and 2,000 tons from Bleichert. The Eberswalde production plan for 1953 had already been exceeded, however, and for that reason the plant director of Eberswalde wrote the Main Administration on 3 December 1952 that his factory could not take over P 2 production. Eberswalde has already finished about 1,500 tons of P 2 fabrication for Bleichert in the first quarter of 1953, so the demands for Bleichert stated in the Main Administration's letter of 20 November have almost been fulfilled. The Eberswalde plant director suggested that P 2 production for the Ernst-Thaelmannwerk and Unruh & Liebig plants be transferred to ABUS Foerderanlagen Leipzig, especially since the Office for Reparations and the Soviet Control Commission had forbidden Kranbau Eberswalde to shift from direct reparations orders. Eberswalde also requested the Main Administration to the 9.5 million DME worth of orders remaining from 1952.

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